

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
May 7, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:11 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau, Monique Brown, Ron Baker, Kim O'Keefe, Ron Baker, Karen Sommer, Julie Brown, Dave Delaney

Edmond Chibeau wanted to state that they are contributing \$50 to the Sweeney family. Kim O'Keefe suggested selecting a book in their honor and Edmond will look into this.

Edmond stated that fall carnival and PTO elections are the most important agenda items. Kimberly Clark is helping with the Fall Carnival Auction and needs help.

THANK YOU'S: Ron Baker

No list tonight but a thank you was offered to Monique Brown for organizing walks for moms and dads.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

Calendar of Events passed around to review

Highlights:

May	8 =	Author Barbara McClintock visit
		Town Meeting Budget Vote
		Teacher Appreciation Day
	11	4th Grade to MMS
	12	Mother's Day
	15	School wide 50 th Assembly
	16	Mileage for Moms
	19	Southeast Tag Sale
	28 th	Memorial Day – No School
	30 – June 1 st	Book Fair
June	1	Ice Cream Social
	4	Suzuki Violin & Cello Tour
	7	Fun In Your Own Backyard
	8	FIYOB Rain date
	17	Father's Day
	18	Last Day Pre Kindergarten
	22	Lat Day School – Early Close

Parents Hour: Norma presented on how class placements occur. She mentioned that 4 people attended.

Parking lot update: There will be changes in the entrance and exit to parking lot. This will be done for next year. Safety is the primary reason for the change.

Class sizes remain the same as last reported and the plan for now is :

2 K classrooms

3 1-4th grade classrooms

We are currently looking for a new teacher. We currently have 41 incoming kindergarteners which might mean retaining the 3rd K classroom. We also are in search of a speech pathologist and a Title I teacher.

The Board of Education has been asked to cut \$160 K from budget. This did not impact teaching positions but try to get the word out that there is a group of people trying to cut the budget. Monique will send out an email tonight to see if some people can attend.

Special Person's Day: Norma checked to make sure that all felt invited from the invitation: parents, grandparents, special people etc. The consensus was they did.

Monique Brown was asked to review the Mileage for moms/Distance for dads events. It will involve parents and children walking laps on the Wednesdays after Mother's and Father's Day. It will run ½ hour, children can earn "Toe Token" points and moms and dads will have their own special cards. A motion was made to allow Karen Sommer to spend up \$100 on water bottles for the moms and dads events. Edmond Chibeau motioned and Ron Baker seconded the motion.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Nothing to report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

April's minutes were reviewed.

AMENDMENTS: None at this time although Norma will let Monique know about some typos. Monique mentioned that the one posted on-line is a draft version because she was having some computer issues last month.

Motion for acceptance by: Ron Baker

2nd by : Kim O'Keefe

All in Favor with edits that Norma will relay to Monique after the fact.

TREASURER'S REPORT: not present

April's Report was reviewed:

Highlights:

We have raised \$17, 463.32 this year and currently have \$14,972.64 in the budget.

Motion to accept report: ?

Seconded by: ?

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karen Sommer

Nothing to report.

OTHER:

Jamie Hendricks would like the PTO to cover some of the \$8 entrance fees for the third grade field trip to Mystic Seaport for those who cannot cover this fee. Norma felt it should come from the scholarship fund. The consensus was he could spend up to \$100 to cover these fees. If used, the scholarship fund will be reduced accordingly.

Schedule Fall Carnival. It is usually the last Saturday of September or first Saturday of October. Norma will schedule with Karen Mitlinsky and relay this back to the PTO at the next meeting. A flyer needs to go out about recruiting a coordinator to do the school auction. Monique will arrange to have it posted in the next school newsletter.

Clean Energy Proposals. Virginia Walton is looking for proposals. It was suggested to post the information, put it in the school newsletter and alert Sue Irvine to this to encourage with her students.

Ice Cream Social: Kim O'Keefe has ordered ice cream (\$240). She wants to raise the cost of each ice cream from \$1.60 to and even \$2. Karen Sommer will get bowls and spoons from BJ's. Kim O'Keefe needs a check from the treasurer to cover. Kim motions to raise the ice cream fee to \$2. This was seconded by Karen Sommer.

Kim O'Keefe mentioned that we need someone to purchase bins for the closet and go through the supplies. The supplies need to be put in sealed bins to keep it from infestations of mice, etc.

Kim would two thank-yous to go out to Christine Thompson for tag sale sign work and Richard Christenson for help moving the Montessori goods to storage. Monique Will cover this.

Kim O'Keefe reported that the tag sale signs are out, and there are articles in the papers. The Cub Scouts helping out Friday to tag goods. Help is needed to move items from the shed to the gym. The Boy Scouts are also coming Saturday to help. This year glass items will be kept inside to keep from having to lug them out and risk breakage. Norma suggested calling the constable about traffic. Kim will do this. Julie Brown will call to remind the person who volunteered to drive the Home Selling Team truck a week before the event. Items in storage unit need to be out by this Saturday. This Friday afternoon Kim will need help from people with trucks. The morning of the sale people are needed to start pulling things out at 7 AM to be open for business at 8. Kim mentioned she needs some additional cash boxes. Richelle Strimple and Heather Spottiswood are doing a bake sale at the event. Jen Schletter and Karen Mitlinsky are doing food this year. At the end of the event she needs people to load the truck and bring all the remains to the Salvation Army.

Edmond Chibeau mentioned that Nannett Bidwell thanked the PTO for our donation to the Southeast library in memory of her father.

Karen Sommer would like a blurb in the school newsletter that the Student Directory exists for their use and that copies are available in the office

Teacher Appreciation Day: Julie Brown has a question about the budget. She needs up to \$150 to cover the cost of the food and supplies. Norma suggested that she use the beautification budget line item of \$100 because she doesn't need it. It was stated that Julie should submit receipts for her purchases. Julie Brown motioned to use an additional \$50 from the beautification budget line item. Ron Baker seconded her motion.

Karen Sommer is looking into doing a glow-in-the-dark novelty sale again at the town fireworks. She needs volunteers. They will be sold at the town fireworks event right after the fall carnival. She stated she will raise the cost of each item to ensure a profit this time.

Edmond mentioned that we need to vote in new officers for next year.

Edmond Chibeau thanked Southeast for his tenure as co-president. Edmond, Amy chibeau, & Ron Baker are stepping down. Edmond nominating the following:

President:	Kim O'Keefe
Vice President:	Kimberly Christenson
Treasurer:	Lesley Sweeney
Secretary:	Monique Brown

The nominations were seconded by Ron Baker.

Motion to adjourn: Ron Baker

Motion seconded by: Karen Sommer

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:20 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 07
NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2007